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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
LAURA ZANIBELLI ET AL : EXAMINER: ILDEBRANDO, C.
SERIAL NO: 09/523,179 :
FILED: MARCH 10, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1754
FOR: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION FOR
THE UPGRADING OF
HYDROCARBON MIXTURES

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendment and remarks below. Further, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-31, drawn to a catalytic composition.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-31 and 33-40.

Please add the following claims.

41. (New) A catalytic composition, comprising a beta zeolite, cobalt, a metal of group VIB and optionally one or more oxides as a carrier.

42. (New) The catalytic composition according to Claim 41, wherein the beta zeolite comprises cationic sites that are occupied by hydrogen ions.

43. (New) The catalytic composition according to Claim 42, wherein at least 80% of the cationic sites are occupied by hydrogen ions.

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